

## Miller & Rhoads

Request your presence at their store

### TO-DAY

the occasion being their

## Formal Spring Opening

during which they will exhibit most interesting

The New and Correct Fashions for the Season of 1914

Lines of Ready-to-Wear Garments and accessories; also Dress Fabrics, Trimmings, etc., are now at their best, and on every hand one will be pleasantly reminded of "something new" that will be popular during the coming spring.

COME TO-DAY,

to-morrow and

Thursday—

bring your friends!

We've planned that it shall be

The Style

Event

of the

Season

and you just cannot

afford to miss it.

MILLER & RHODS

START MACHINERY

FOR NEW BUREAU

MORGAN STRICKEN

WITH APPENDICITIS

Municipal Employment Branch

to Be Under Board's

Direction.

On motion of Commissioner McCar-

thy, the Administrative Board yester-

day requested the City Attorney to pre-

pare an ordinance authorizing the

board to organize a municipal employ-

ment bureau. The bureau was provided

for under the new charter. It will be

organized as soon as possible.

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## SUIT SUFFERS BY DELAYED SERVICE

Annexation Proceedings Postponed, Because Defendants Received Notices Too Late.

### CASE COMES UP ON JUNE 1

City Representatives Make Compromise, Which Will Cut Down Delay by Several Months.

Through the failure of the Henrico sheriff's office to promptly serve notices on some of the defendants in the annexation suit instituted by the city of Richmond against Henrico and Chesterfield Counties was set back more than two months when called yesterday morning in the Henrico Circuit Court by Judge A. A. Campbell, who was designated to hear it. By consent of both sides, the case will come up on June 1. The compromise was the best that could be made under the circumstances, for otherwise the whole matter would have been virtually dead, and it would have been necessary to start again from the beginning.

Representatives of the city were taken completely by surprise when commonwealth's Attorney Frank T. Sutton, Jr., of Henrico County, asked that the motion instituted by the city be dismissed on the ground that some of the defendants had only received twenty days' notice, when the annexation law specifically stated that thirty days were required. As the papers had been filed in court in ample time, City Attorney Henry R. Pollard was dumfounded by the development. He testified that he had served notices on Clerk Samuel P. Waddill on December 17, and in this he was verified by Mr. Waddill.

When called to the stand, Sheriff L. H. Kemp acknowledged that the notices, which he said, had been turned over by him to Deputy Sheriff W. W. Sidor, for service. Some were served immediately, but those on the members of the Board of Supervisors were held by Deputy Sheriff Sidor until the board met on January 6, which was ten days late. All notices on the Chesterfield County defendants were promptly served, and there was no complaint from that quarter.

Rules Service Was Improper. Judge Campbell called court to order promptly at 10 o'clock, and announced that he was ready to consider a motion to declare certain territory in Henrico and Chesterfield Counties a part of the city of Richmond. Mr. Sutton immediately moved that the motion be dismissed on the ground of improper service. Some argument followed by those favoring annexation, but the court decided that the point was well taken.

A conference was held, and it was decided to give the annexation opponents the delay which they sought. Papers were drawn up, and both sides having agreed to the plan, for the hearing, Judge Campbell set it for that date.

There is no idea on the part of the city's representatives that the service was intentional delay, but it is believed to have been due to a misconception. Mr. Sidor, who had the papers, believed that he could wait until the board met, but he had not counted on the provision for service laid down in the annexation law. The latest day upon which he could have served the notices was December 27, which was ten days after the City Attorney had filed them with Clerk Waddill.

City Attorney Pollard and George E. Wise appeared for the city, and Commonwealth's Attorney Frank T. Sutton, Jr., of Henrico County, and Commonwealth's Attorney Haskins Hobson, of Chesterfield County, were assisted by H. M. Smith, Jr.

### CHURCH HILL TERRIFIED

Grocer, Who Becomes Suddenly Insane, Rushes About and Bores City.

A. J. Gindrich, thirty-five years old, proprietor of a grocery store at 2120 East Main Street, was the cause of great excitement on Church Hill yesterday afternoon by rushing through the main thoroughfare of the city, shouting and waving his arms. He was dressed in a white shirt and dark trousers, and was carrying a large bundle of papers. He was followed by a crowd of people, who were trying to catch up with him. He was finally stopped by a police officer, who took him to the police station.

### SPECIAL MEETING

Council to Authorize Administrative Board to Issue Warrants.

President Peters yesterday issued a call for a special meeting of the Common Council, to be held at 8 o'clock to-night. The meeting is for consideration of the resolution adopted in the last meeting of the Board of Administration, authorizing the Administrative Board to issue warrants for the collection of the city's debts.

### Must Die on Thursday

Governor Stuart yesterday refused to commute the death sentence of Martin Lee, a colored man, who was convicted of the killing of a negro in Texas. Lee was sentenced to die on Thursday morning. The Governor's refusal was based on the fact that Lee had been convicted of a capital offense.

### Two Fined for Cruelty

C. M. Griffith and Joseph Hines were each fined \$10 and costs yesterday in Police Court for cruelly driving a horse.

### Marriage Licenses

Marriage licenses were issued yesterday in the Hustings Court to Walter D. Davidson and Bertha E. Davidson, and John L. Nesbit and Amanda V. Farrell, both of Franklin, Pa.

### Reserve Bank Data

Before Committee

The Associated Press sent out the following dispatch last night from Washington: "The Federal reserve bank organization committee met today for the first time in several weeks. The members took a long look into the future of the country, but reached no decision as to the limits of reserve cities, or the location of reserve cities. The House of Representatives, however, has decided to consider the work of the committee, and will be pressed with vigor several days."

### The American National Bank

OF RICHMOND, VIRGINIA.

stands for progress and every law that is for the

SECURITY AND SERVICE

of the people.

## MERCHANTS READY FOR FASHION SHOW

Window Screens Will Be Removed This Morning, Revealing Elaborate Exhibition.

### GREAT HELP TO SHOPPERS

Wonderful Array of Styles Awaits Eye of Richmond Fashion Hunters.

Weeks of laborious preparation by the progressive retail merchants of Broad and Main Streets will show results this morning when the window displays of the big United Spring Opening, awaits the "unveiling" of the fashion shows with no little interest. From reports received at the headquarters of the Retail Merchants' Association, the merchants have not let anything undone which might contribute to the success of the affair.

The public had its first concrete glimpse of the United Spring Opening preparations yesterday when it found the shop windows along Broad and Main Streets screened from view by curtains. Behind these obstructions the busy window dressers were busy creating the display space with the latest creations of fashion and the newest importations from the manufacturing world of the world. Striking designs for display have been conferred upon by the clever brains of the window artists, and the results of their skilled endeavors promise to give the shopping public hours of pleasant contemplation.

### No Formal Ceremony

There will be no spectacular feature to accompany the inauguration of the United Spring Opening. Its beginning will not be heralded by pyrotechnical displays or music. Without any elaborate ceremony, the screens will be removed from the windows this morning and the interesting merchandise displayed.

This is the first time in the history of the city that the retail merchants of Richmond have agreed to co-operate in the matter of presenting their new spring merchandise to the public. In the past each merchant has announced his exhibition of seasonal goods as his stock was replenished and the spirit moved him. As a consequence, the consumer has been obliged to wait several weeks, and the public anxious always to look well before buying, waited until all had displayed their offerings before making their purchases. It is confidently expected that the United Spring Opening will obviate the old delays and difficulties. By having all the merchants display their goods at the same time, the public will be able to make quick comparison, satisfy itself on the quality and style of the merchandise imported for the spring, and do its buying in an intelligent, comprehensive manner.

### Jury Could Not Agree

The jury in the case of the White Oak Lumber Company, tried in the City Circuit Court, was unable to agree on a verdict in the case of Michael O'Keefe against O'Keefe for \$1,000.

### Supreme Court Proceedings

No. 87. Lake Bowling Alley, Inc., against City of Richmond, for damages. George Wayne Anderson for appellee, and Isaac Diers for appellant, and another. No. 88. Whittle against Davis. Fully argued, and continued until to-morrow.

### Improves Slowly

Andrew J. Wray, of 33 West Cary Street, well-known quartermaster and contractor, who was taken quite ill some weeks ago, is improving very slowly.

### 10,036 May Vote

In June Election

According to a report from the office of the City Treasurer, filed yesterday with Clerk Walter Christman of the Hustings Court, there are 10,036 voters who are qualified to vote in the city in the spring election. The list was compiled after a careful analysis and investigation of all the books, and is placed on record. It is said to be the most complete list of voters in the city.

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## MAPP TURNS JOKE ON FRIEND LESNER

Offers Substitute to Norfolk Senator's Motion to Reconsider Vote on Enabling Act.

### CALLED MORAL ISSUES UP

Members Insist on Roll Call, but Session Ends Without Final Action.

Eleven Senators and a dozen or more members of the House of Delegates returned to the all but deserted Capitol yesterday morning for the session of the General Assembly. Pursuant to a resolution adopted early last week, both houses held short morning and afternoon sessions to enable the presiding officers of the bodies to enroll bills. The meetings will continue until Friday.

In the Senate, where the smallness of the chamber and the comparatively large delegation helped to dissipate the emptiness, the opening session bore a family resemblance to the lively gatherings of the past two months. The committee clerks and pages helped to fill the seats, and stray visitors fled in with no watchful doorkeeper to bar their way.

### Just Like Real Session

Lieutenant-Governor Elyson called the survivors to order at 12:05 o'clock with the same imperious tap of yore. Acting Governor Elyson presided over the opening session, which bore a family resemblance to the lively gatherings of the past two months. The committee clerks and pages helped to fill the seats, and stray visitors fled in with no watchful doorkeeper to bar their way.

The failure of the enrolling room to complete the expected bills left the session with nothing in particular to do. Senator Lesner seized the opportunity to read a long paper, which he called the "moral issues of the day."

"Mr. President," said the Senator from Norfolk, addressing the chair, "I move that the Senate reconsider the vote by which it passed the enabling act."

Senator Mapp was on his feet in an instant to take the name of the enabling act in vain, when the Senator from Accomac was within hearing distance. He rose to its defense as promptly as he rose a score of times during the session, when times were serious and the vote was close.

"I move as a substitute for that motion," said Senator Mapp, "that the Senate take up of its order on the calendar House bill No. 42, better known as the anti-gambling bill; House bill No. 512, otherwise known as the anti-liquor bill, and Senate bill No. 10, known as the anti-liquor bill—all moral measures."

The reference to the place on the calendar occupied by these measures caused the assembly to roar with laughter, and Senator Mapp's short speech in support of his motion was warmly applauded.

### Mapp Converts Lesner

"I accept the substitute," said Senator Lesner, "and I shall do all I can to get this bill through."

The Senate responded with applause to the Norfolk Senator's change of spirit. "I don't think that the Senate should show any discrimination between members," said Lesner, "and I move that the same privilege be accorded to Rev. Ashbury Christian, who has been arrested for a crime."

In the House Speaker Cox convened the lower branch at 10 o'clock. Both houses reassembled at 2:30 o'clock for a ten-minute session, while the presiding officers affixed their signatures to bills.

The members in attendance at the Senate meeting were Senators Nichols, Saunders, Buchanan, Cannon, Harman, Hart, Mays, Watkins, Drennon, Paul, and Weidenburg. In the House the session was attended by Delegates Baker, Love, Toney, Stubbs, Massie, Duke, Field, Easley, Kinney, Gunn, Myers and Speaker Cox.

### Automobile Men Elect Officers

The annual meeting of the Automobile Dealers' Association was held last night at Rogers Hotel, at which the following officers were elected: President, W. Y. Davis; vice-president, William J. Miller; secretary, Harry Lewis; and treasurer, J. H. Alpert. The association will hold its next meeting on April 15.

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## A Great Shirt Sale

A well-timed purchase enables us to offer nearly a hundred dozen fine, soft-bosom, double cuff shirts that are \$2.00 values at, each \$1.15

Sizes ranging from 13½ to 17½.

### Gans-Rady Company

## POSTMASTER TOLD OF SEEN POSTAGE

Richmond Firms Benefit by Ruling, Permitting Their Goods to Go by Parcel Post.

Information concerning the mailing of goods by parcel post was received here yesterday by Postmaster Hay T. Thornton from the Post-Office Department. The new order, which became effective here, as the numerous concerns dealing in this class of supplies are now filling spring orders, and there will be a big saving to the consumer by the ruling.

The order specifies that all seeds, cuttings, bulbs, roots, scions and plants shall be embraced in and carried as fourth-class matter, and for the same rates of postage. The rate of postage on parcels weighing four ounces or less remains as heretofore, 1 cent for each ounce or fraction thereof, regardless of distance. The rate of postage on parcels weighing more than four ounces shall apply. The ruling specifies that it makes no difference whether the articles are for planting or other purposes.

The department also announced that the seed can be sewed in bags, or can be put in boxes, providing that the bags can be opened with reasonable effort. All parcels, however, are subject to scrutiny, and the receiving clerk is authorized to open parcels, if satisfied that they contain matter subject to shipment by parcel post, may dispense with an examination, although he is required to certify that the parcels are for planting or other purposes.

Since the first announcement that seeds would be received for transmission by parcel post, the local office has had many inquiries, but the officials were unable to give definite information until receipt of instructions yesterday.

### REVIVAL OPENED

Large Congregation Hears Dr. C. A. Riddle in Grace Street Baptist Church.

The revival at Grace Street Baptist church last night with a strong interest. Though he arrived late, Dr. C. A. Riddle, of the large congregation remained to hear him. The service was held at 8 o'clock, and a large number of people were present.

### CHIVALRY OR SUFFRAGE

Mrs. William E. Harris to Speak for Woman's Cause on Thursday Afternoon.

Mrs. W. E. Harris, of the National Woman's Suffrage Association, will speak at the church on Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. She will discuss the "chivalry or suffrage" question.

### Revival at First Baptist Church

The Rev. George W. McDaniel, D. D., began a two weeks' revival last night at the First Baptist Church. He will be assisted by Dr. C. A. Riddle.

### On Home Training

Dr. Douglas Freeman will address the Bellevue School on Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. He will discuss the "home training" of children.

### Assistant State Bacteriologist to Conduct Laboratory After Dr. Ferguson Retires on April 15

State Health Commissioner Eamon G. Williams has announced that Assistant State Bacteriologist J. O. Fitzgerald will be placed at the head of the laboratory of the State Bacteriologist as acting State Bacteriologist until the State Board of Health meets in July. Dr. Maude Ferguson, State Bacteriologist for the last six years, has sent his resignation to the State Board of Health, to become effective on April 15.

### Case Baffles Gentry

Although Professor F. J. Gentry has a reputation as a sleuth, he has at last been baffled by a case which has completely baffled him. Several cases have been referred to him by the police, but he has been unable to solve them.

### Nephew of Richmond Man

Morris Williams, nephew of the late William Williams, has been appointed as the Washington and Lee University team, which defeated the orators of Tulane University, in the recent football game.

### Home Rule is Wife Rule

And Wife Rule's Tyranny

Joe Dope Bobs Up Again With Sprig of Shamrock and Conversation.

"I'll wear my shamrock and eat my potatoes," remarked Joseph Dope last night, throwing out his chest better to display the green bobbles in his coat lapel, "but they can't get by with that home rule rule now. I don't mean no disrespect to the late Mrs. Dope—Cindy's mother—but my experience has been that home rule ain't good for a man. And if it ain't good for a man, it ain't good for a nation."

"See this shamrock? I got a dozen 'em to-day by parcel post from John Redmond. John and I got to be good friends with that home rule rule now. The Irish-American games. He made second place in the shillalah handicap I entered, too, but I never finished. Anyway, we got to be good friends, and before he went back to Ireland he said:

"Joe, if you ever get over County Cork way, ye call on yer frind John Redmond. I'll get ye a free pass to the theaters and something besides, but that's warm yer heart."

"That's just the way he talked, you know. Well, I never could get ahead far enough to make the trip across, but I have never failed to send John a picture postcard along about ground-

## A Dollar Saved

No saying is of more vital significance to the wage-earner than "a dollar saved is a dollar earned."

What you lay aside is the gauge of your progress, regardless of what you earn.

Start in this big bank. We invite small accounts and allow a per cent compound interest.

1101 East Main.

"Safest for Savings."

## DEBT COMMISSION MEETS HERE TO-DAY

Called to Consider New Move by West Virginia to Reopen Famous Litigation.</